

Libby Area Technical Assistance Group, Inc.
PO Box 53, Libby, MT 59923
April 26th, 2005 Board Meeting Notes

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(Note: **bold items within paragraphs are motions made and voted on as well as action items agreed upon.**)

Board Member Attendees:

Gayla Benefield
JoElyn Brus
Eileen Carney
Lee Clarke
Jan Meadows

Mike Noble
Les Skramstad
LeRoy Thom
Abe Troyer

Contractor Attendees:

Gordon Sullivan

1. Call to Order approximately 7:08pm.
2. Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were reviewed for the March 8th, 2005 meeting.
 - i. **Les Skramstad made the motion to accept minutes as written, Eileen Carney second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**
 - b. Minutes were reviewed for the March 22nd, 2005 meeting.
 - i. **Motion not approved meeting minutes need to be reviewed for this meeting (Tape #4).**
 - ii. **Review of the tape is needed regarding the discussion on carpets and the analytical methods. Discussion on these two topics needs to be compared with the letter sent to Jim Christianson. Discussion followed regarding not the "choosing" of a model but CREATE a model. (ACTION ITEM)**
 - c. Minutes were reviewed for the March 29th, 2005 meeting.
 - i. **Mike Noble made the motion to accept minutes as written, Les Skramstad second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**
4. Old Business
 - a. EPA Response Document – this item has been completed.
5. Report – Technical Advisor Scope of Work (in progress) – Gordon Sullivan
 - a. Gordon reported on this reading and review of the "General Workplan for Building Demolition, Libby MT Superfund Site", but did not submit anything in writing. He did comment that the sampling was well done.
 - i. **Motion for LATAG supporting the General Workplan for Building Demolition, Libby MT, Superfund Site. Mike Noble made the motion to accept this workplan, LeRoy Thom second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**
 - b. It was decided to write a letter to Jim Christianson that LATAG approves the "General Workplan for Building Demolition, Libby MT Superfund Site (ACTION ITEM).
 - c. Termination/Resignation notice was given to Mike Noble on 03/31/05.
 - i. **Motion to accept Gordon Sullivan's termination/resignation letter was made. Eileen Carney made the motion to accept his termination/resignation letter, Lee Clarke second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**
6. Draft Plan (regarding Denver risk meeting) LeRoy Thom – no report.
7. Report – Grant Administrator – Cheryl Fox
 - a. No Report given (no attendance)
8. Report – EPA (work in progress) – no report.

9. Sub-Committee Reports

- a. Nominating Sub-Committee – LeRoy Thom (chairperson)
 - i. New member application has been received from Helen Clarke
- b. Health and Safety Sub-Committee – Abe Troyer (chairperson)
 - i. Lee Clarke has replaced Gordon Sullivan to sit on this sub-committee.
- c. Communications Sub-Committee – Jan Meadows (chairperson)
 - i. A copy of the pamphlet LATAG (ad) and another article will be available for the May 10th meeting. (ACTION ITEM).
- d. Technical Sub-Committee – inactive committee – no actions, no report.
- e. Consultant Panel Sub-Committee – _____ (chairperson) – no actions, no report.
- f. CRS (Community Resource Specialist) Sub-Committee – Gordon Sullivan (chairperson). Due to Gordon's resignation, Mike Noble will replace him as chairperson. Mike will approach Gordon regarding his interest in being a member of this sub-committee. If Gordon wants to be a member of this sub-committee he could still be chairperson.

10. Special Presentations (if applicable) – no presentations.

11. New Business

- a. Mike Noble discussed a "house across the river which had vermiculite meshed in the basement cement. Testing and cleaning of this material was very difficult.
- b. Discussion followed regarding having the Loomis property completed after school is out to minimize the possible exposure to schoolchildren. Zero tolerance to exposure to children is the clearance criteria.
- c. A forty-hour class may be available over the Internet and how can a LATAG board member(s) take advantage of this?
- d. Gayla mentioned that over the past six weeks two buildings have been demolished in Libby (almost overnight). Was there any EPA testing of these properties? The Caboose Bar did not have any visible vermiculite but that was not a State Permitted Asbestos inspection. An inspection was done on the property located on Montana (again they will be answerable to the State of Montana). The hotel did go through the clearance process and had an inspector on the property. It is unknown if vermiculite was removed from the hotel property. A Native American group was also doing work on a laundromat.
- e. Review of the "Supplemental Quality Assurance Project Plan" and highlight concerns back to the LATAG Board. (ACTION ITEM). This is a very highly technical document. EPA is planning on some very aggressive sampling. A tight time frame to get LATAG comments back to EPA is needed. In a matter of three weeks, comments need to be provided to EPA. Any questions while reviewing this document can be forwarded to Shawn.
 - i. It was commented that this document should be available to the public through the EPA as of March 21st. Wendy Thomi will be asked to put this into Q & A.
 - ii. CDM was tasked to be an oversight to this process that it is being done properly. Technically this will be very complicated and challenging.
- f. Gayla mention a "situation" next to 1306 Dakota the owner refused the admittance of EPA (the house is currently being rented). The new renter is going to request a force of cleanup in the garden. The renter is planning on tarping the garden and fencing edging it prevent any more "bleed over" of contamination to the property adjacent which has already been cleaned.

12. Review and agreement on Action items generated from this meeting.

13. Open Discussion

- a. Gordon Sullivan will draft a "Hold Each Harmless Letter", this is to be presented to the Executive Board. (ACTION ITEM).
- b. It was recommended that LATAG advertise for the Technical Advisor position on both local papers.
- c. Shawn Oliveira will address the LATAG at the next regularly scheduled meeting. (ACTION ITEM).

14. Next Meeting Scheduled – May 10th, 2005.

15. Jan Meadows made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Abe Troyer second the motion. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.